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1. Between 21 and 27 August 1951, the Tauentzien Kaserne in Stendal (M 53/Y 05) quartered troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Groups of soldiers were engaged in drill in the barracks yard, and other soldiers organized in 3 or 4 platoons were engaged in field training on the drill field at Pappelallee. Daily at about 7 a.m., trucks carrying troops with field equipment left the installation for Arnim Dam and returned at about 7 p.m.

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2. On 24 August, the Hindenburg Kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore artillery insignia. From 400 to 500 soldiers organized into groups were engaged in infantry field training behind the barracks installation. Six rocket launchers and 12 trucks occupied by troops with field equipment were seen entering the installation.

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3. On 28 August, 25 tanks were parked in front of the garages of the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. Six platoons of 36 soldiers each were seen entering the installation and three 8-man radio sections carrying three portable radio sets per section marched between the platoons.

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4. Intensive traffic indicated that the artillery unit was still at the Borstel Airfield. However, no training activity was noticed.

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5. Motor vehicles seen at the headquarters on Friedrich Ebertstrasse

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Eight T-34/85 tanks were unloaded by 6 officers and about 35 EM at the Stendal railroad station on 22 August. After being unloaded, the tanks went toward the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne.

6. Until 3 September, most of the Soviet troops in Stendal were at the post. Tactical walks by officers north and east of Stendal were conducted during the time covered by the report. Soviet troops held a night exercise during the night of 29 August. On 29 August, Unit [] received a railroad carload of ammunition from Schoenebeck. The ammunition was unloaded. *

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Comment. According to the information, most of the elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps seemed to have been at the post until the beginning of September but individual components are believed to be still rotated for practice at Letzling Heath. []

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[] Compared with the last report of early August 1951 [] the present report indicates no substantial changes. []

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